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LOK SABHA

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AGRICULTURAL REFORMS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to remove all control on movement, stock holding, forward trading, export and processing of agricultural goods across the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which agricultural reforms are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y.NAIK)

(a)to(c): There is no proposal to remove all controls on forward trading in agricultural goods. The Government purposes to review the operation of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and remove many of the restrictions that have been imposed on the free inter- state movement of foodgrains and agricultural produce and also on storage and stocking of such commodities. It will review the list of commodities declared essential under the said Act and bring their number down to the minimum required. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution will issue necessary instructions in consultation with State Governments.